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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN NONRESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS

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1. OUR PRODDING OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EFFORTS TO SEE OTHER ALGERIAN OFFICIALS FOR RESPONSE TO USG PROPOSALS CONCERNING PREPCON AND TO IDEAS EXPRESSED AT IEA/OECD HAVE THUS FAR PRODUCED ONLY COUNSELS OF PATIENCE AND HOST OF NONRETURNED CALLS.

2. IN LATEST EFFORT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, JUNE 24 DISCUSSION WITH ABERKANE, CHIEF, DIIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, I CITED DISTRIGAS AND EASCO SIGNATURE OF PROTOCOLS ON LNG PURCHASES AND CCC APPROVAL OF CREDITS AS EVIDENCE WE PROCEEDING AHEAD ON BILATERAL ISSUES, AND GAVE HIM PRESS REPORTS ON US PROPOSALS ON TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON RPOCESSED RAW MATERIALS, WORK BANK FINANCING OF RAW MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT, IMF INCOME STABLIZATION PROGRAM AND COMMODITY AGREEMENTS CASE BY CASE APPROACH AS EXAMPLES OUR MOVING AHEAD ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, ABERKANE PROMISED TO CONTINUE TO PRESS PRESIDENCY, SAW NO USE IN MY PUSHING FURTHER, OBSERVED THAT BOUMEDIENE DIDN'T ANSWER EVERY LETTER HE GOT, AND NOTED  
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THAT GERMAN MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI ARRIVING HERE

JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS RECONVENING OF PREPCON AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND THAT MAYBE GOA WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY THEN. (GERMAN EMBASSY HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.)

3. LACK OF RESPONSE APPEARS IN PART ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONCENTRATION ON JUNE 19 CELEBRATIONS, TIME REQUIRED TO DIGEST LIBREVILLE OPEC MEETING, NECESSITY TO SORT OUT RAMIFICATIONS OF OWN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND SAHARAN PREOCCUPATIONS.

4. PRESS COMMENT, ABDESSELAM AND BOUTEFLIKA COMMENTS AND LOCAL SCUTTLEBUT SUGGEST OUTLINE OF ALGERIAN THOUGHT. FIRST REACTION TO SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SHARPLY NEGATIVE. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE VIEWED IDEAS AS PRIMARILY TACTICAL MOVES TO FURTHER WHAT THEY TERM US CONFRONTATION TACTICS, AND TO HAVE PREFERRED TO GO TO UNSS WITHOUT ANY POSSIBLE PREPCON LIMITATIONS. REFLECTION, ABDESSELAM'S APPARENT ISOLATION IN LIBREVILLE, APPARENT READINESS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO TREAT PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY, AND RAMIFICATIONS OF OWN FINANCIAL POSITION HAVE APPARENTLY LED ALGERIANS TO MODIFY THEIR INITIAL OPPOSITION. ABDESSELAM HAS RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS AT LEAST REPRESENT "STEP" FORWARD. HE HAS EXPRESSED TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR FEAR THAT NONENERGY COMMISSIONS WILL END UP IN LIMBO WHILE ENERGY GOES AHEAD; THUS, HE SAID, HE THINKING OF ENSURING COMMISSIONS WORK "PARI PASSU," REPORTING TO CONFERENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY AT END OF WORK. (FRENCH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY D'ORNANO, WHO HERE PAST WEEKEND, FOCUSED ON BILATERAL FRENCH/ALGERIAN ISSUES AND PREPCON WAS NOT DISCUSSED.)

5. SUCH COMMENTS APPEAR TO REPRESENT PART OF RETHINKING PROCESS, RESULTS OF WHICH WE WILL FIND OUT WHEN ALGERIANS WANT US TO KNOW THEM. ONE UNKNOWN IS WHAT GULF STATES HAVE BOUGHT WITH ESTIMATED ROUGHLY 500-800 MILLION DOLLAR CREDITS RECENTLY GRANTED TO ALGERIA. IMMEDIATE SPECULATION IS THAT PURCHASE INVOLVED MORE MODERATE ALGERIAN LINE. WE NOT SURE THAT IT WAS UP FOR SALE AND SUGGEST THAT GULF STATES MAY FIND ALGERIANS' HARD-LINE FRONT MAN ROLE USEFUL ENOUGH TO WARRANT HELPING KEEP THEM AFLOAT A WHILE LONGER. LYN

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